

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ESCALANTE VALLEY
WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, NEWCASTLE, UTAH, FEBRUARY 5, 1969

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chairman H. Gordon Moyle who introduced the representatives of the State Engineer's Office.

The minutes of last year's meeting were read by Mr. Donald Norseth.

Motion by Uriah Jones, seconded by Alpine Bowler to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

The financial report was read by _____.

Those from the State Engineer's Office were Donald Norseth, Gerald Stoker, Ken McKinney and _____ and 34 water users.

Motion by John McGarry, seconded by Lister Woods to accept the financial report as read. Motion passed unanimously.

Albert Holt, Water Commissioner was then asked to give a report. He reported that 200 wells pumped 73,531 acre feet as compared to 200 wells pumping 70,747 acre feet in 1967. Surface water amounted to 9,756 acre feet in 1968 as compared to 9741 acre feet in 1967.

Chairman Moyle then took up the matter of the budget for 1969. After much discussion on various matters a motion was made by Alpine Bowler, seconded by Alan Hansen to approve the same budget and assessment as last year. Motion passed unanimously. It was understood that minor items in the budget would necessitate changes, however it was felt that the item for "miscellaneous items" would cover any over-expenditures.

There was a great deal of discussion relative to the increased number of delinquencies in payment of water assessments. The representatives of the State Engineer's Office said that the Attorney General was now in the process of taking the necessary court action to collect the past due assessments. It was the general opinion of those in attendance that if the collections were made we could come well within our budget without requiring an increase in the assessment. .

A motion was made by Vern Pickrell and seconded by Clinton Bowler that the board have power and responsibility to recommend a water commissioner to the State Engineer. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Albert Holt, seconded by Uriah Jones that Beryl Junction be the meeting place for the annual meeting rather than rotating the meetings between Beryl, Newcastle and Enterprise. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gerald Stoker, Area State Engineer, Cedar City then gave a report on the policy of the State Engineer relative to temporary and permanent change applications; stating that we will have a liberal change policy on permanent changes, but that temporary changes will be restricted to definite emergencies only. He reported that there was no appreciable change in the water level this past year, but that final determination cannot be made until the spring measurement of wells.

Mr. Moyle stated that Elmo Farnsworth and Craig Clark's term on the board of directors expire at this meeting and called for nominations to replace these two on the board. Those nominated were: Vern Pickrell, Elmo Farnsworth, Craig Clark and Sherwood Bracken.

While the ballots were being counted Mr. Sherwood Bracken reported on the action of a number of water users with respect to the development of the Old Holt

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Silver Mine, and asked all of the water users present to sign up under their program.

The ballots were counted and it was reported that Vern Pickrell and Sherwood Bracken were elected as board members for a two-year term.

Mr. Moyle indicated that certain positions on the board were determined by elections in groups of water users associated with our association. Those on the board are: Mr. Albert Harrison representing the Pinto Creek Water Users, Mr. Richard F. Jones representing the Newcastle Water Users and Mr. Rodney Staheli representing Enterprise Water Users (Reservoir companies, etc.).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Elmo B. Farnsworth, Secretary

MEMORANDUM:

Pursuant to a motion passed in the annual meeting, the board of directors met following the annual meeting for the purpose of making a recommendation to the State Engineer for a water commissioner for the following year.

The board considered the applications presented and under a motion by Sherwood Bracken, seconded by Richard Jones and duly passed the name of Albert Holt was selected to be recommended to the State Engineer to serve as water commissioner for 1969.

Mr. Moyle then called for nominations for Chairman of the board of directors. Names submitted were Gordon Moyle, Vern Pickrell and Sherwood Bracken. Mr. Moyle indicated that he would prefer not to serve as chairman.

A vote was taken and Vern Pickrell was elected to serve as Chairman.

Nominations to fill the office of secretary was then called for and names of those nominated were John McGarry and Boyd Christensen.

A vote was taken and John McGarry was elected as secretary, and instructed to send a copy of the minutes together with a letter to the State Engineer recommending Albert Holt as water commissioner for 1969.

There being no further business, the meeting of the board was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

John McGarry, Secretary

